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SUBJ: PROPAGANDA EXCHANGE OVER SNCC MEETING

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1. PYONGYANG RADIO JAN 31 BROADCAST A LENGTHY DETAILED ACCOUNT OF THE SNCC DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN'S MEETING HELD JAN 30 AT PANMUNJOM (FBIS B310105). ACCORDING TO THE BROADCAST, NORTH DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMAN YU USED OCCASION TO REVIEW ALLEGED ROK PROVOCATIONS AND VIOLATIONS OF THE JULY 4 COMMUNIQUE. HE ALSO, REPORTEDLY IN RESPONSE TO HIS ROK COUNTERPART'S RAISING OF THE ISSUES, USED THE OCCASION TO EXPOUND ON PRESIDENT PARK'S NONAGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL AND THE NORTHWEST ISLAND QUESTION. BROADCAST ALSO REPORTED TWO SIDES' PROPOSALS FOR REORGANIZATION OF SNCC.

2. ROKG HAS RESPONDED TO PYONGYANG BROADCAST BY PUBLICLY ACCUSING NORTH OF VIOLATING THE UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES THAT THE DEPUTY CO-CHAIRMEN'S DISCUSSIONS NOT BE MADE PUBLIC. ROK SNCC SPOKESMAN LEE TONG-BOK WENT ON TO ANNOUNCE THAT SINCE PYONGYANG

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HAD MADE ITS BROADCAST SEOUL IS OBLIGED TO REVEAL THE

FACTS. HE THEN REVIEWED THE PROPOSALS FOR REORGANIZATION OF THE SNCC MADE BY THE TWO SIDES AND ACCUSED PYONGYANG OF TRYING TO TURN THE SNCC INTO A PROPAGANDA FORUM BY EXPANDING IT INTO WHAT THE NORTH CALLS A GRAND NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF THE KOREAN PEOPLE. LEE DID NOT COMMENT FURTHER ON THE PYONGYANG BROADCAST NOR REVEAL MORE ABOUT THE SNCC MEETING.

3. COMMENT: PYONGYANG BROADCAST WAS APPARENTLY PLANNED WELL TO EXPLOIT IMPASSE AT JAN 30 MEETING TO NORTH'S ADVANTAGE. TACTIC OF VIOLATING AGREEMENT OF CONFIDENTIALITY SEEMS TO HAVE CAUGHT SOUTH BY SURPRISE. A KNOWLEDGEABLE RED CROSS SOURCE HAS TOLD US THAT BROADCAST WAS FOLLOWED BY DEBATE IN ROKG OVER WHETHER TO PUBLICIZE ENTIRE TRANSCRIPT OF MEETING. TO DATE, ROKG HAS DECIDED NOT TO DO SO.

4. SUMMARY OF MEETING (REFTEL) MADE NO MENTION OF SOUTH'S RAISING NONAGGRESSION PACT PROPOSAL, AND ROKG HAS NOT PUBLICLY ADDRESSED NORTH'S STATEMENT THAT THE SUBJECT WAS DISCUSSED. TREATMENT OF NORTHWEST ISLANDS AT MEETING IS SIMILARLY UNCLEAR, AND

MUST WAIT STUDY OF TRANSCRIPT WHEN IT IS MADE AVAILABLE TO US. IN ANY EVENT, BOTH PYONGYANG AND SEOUL SEEM TO HAVE PUBLICIZED REASONABLY TRUE ACCOUNT OF THE EXCHANGE WITH REGARD TO SNCC REORGANIZATION. THE OBVIOUS PURPOSE IS TO DEMONSTRATE -- EACH FOR ITS OWN PURPOSE -- WIDTH OF GULF BETWEEN THEM ON THAT ISSUE. HABIB

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